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Students left without housing

Excess of applicants leaves space scarce

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

At the time, it seemed like a bad thing to be happening to Missouri Southern, but now that complications have settled, it could even be viewed as a good problem.

One of the more controversial issues at Southern throughout the first two weeks of classes has been the overcrowding in the residence halls.

While it might take the students a few weeks to get moved into the residence halls, those concerned with managing residence life are looking on the positive side of the housing situation.

"Isn't that a neat problem to have?"

said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant.

Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said at this time the residence halls are still full. However, much progress is being made at this point. Carnahan is pleased to announce that only 10 people remain on the waiting list, all of which are males. The last female was taken off the list Tuesday morning. Carnahan notes that at one point there were 50 students on the waiting list.

"Most people on the list applied at the last minute," Carnahan said.

There are some apartments at this time which are holding as many as five people. Carnahan wants to break down this list first as soon as there are openings. He is relieved that most of the people who are on the waiting list are within commuting distance and can wait until something is available. There are other students

who have found places to live off campus with other friends, or even in hotels, until something is available.

"It's tough on the parents and the students as well," Carnahan said. "There's no way we can predict on when the students will get in, but we will always have a few who will leave the first week."

Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing, thinks this could be the biggest waiting list student housing has even seen. She said the students have been understanding of the situation.

"That says something about the character of our students," she said.

Gipson says anytime there are five people in an apartment, there can be three people in one of the rooms, which might put stress on the students. Students have to keep in mind

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Positions split for effectiveness

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Continued growth and facilities construction necessitated changes in the way Missouri Southern operates.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, announced the reorganization of the physical plant effective Sept. 1.

The physical plant consists of around 70 non-academic employees such as custodians, gardeners, and security officers. In addition, the director of the physical plant supervises campus construction and remodeling projects.

With several new buildings under construction or planned, Tiede said it was important that a separate person be responsible for engineering and construction.

"We are doing so much construction work it is really more than one person can handle," he said.



Bob Beeler

Bob Beeler, the current physical plant director, elaborated on the reasons for the change.

"The reason we are doing it is the job has just grown so much, I am having trouble effectively covering all the bases," he said.

Therefore, Tiede split the leadership of the physical plant between two positions.

"What we did involved two areas," he said. "One is what I would call an engineering/construction side, and the other I would call more an operational side."

Beeler will now be the chief engineer.

"Primarily, our heating and air conditioning, mechanical maintenance people (like the carpenters or those involved in construction), and painters — those are the primary areas (Beeler will lead)," Tiede said.

Beeler will also be involved in capital budgeting.

The reorganization will give the physical plant one new responsibility. Beeler will inspect campus construction projects daily and keep a daily record of progress.

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"LIKE A BIG PIZZA PIE..."



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Chad Needham serves pizza to students while Rolf Wilkenth tosses another empty box into the pile. Eureka pizza gave away 400 pizzas in a promotion on the first day of classes.

Craig enters new role

By KRISTY HAMBY
Staff Writer

As the semester begins, many individuals have new goals to fulfill in their lives.

This not only applies to students, but to faculty as well. Susan Craig, counselor, was recently promoted to a new position as coordinator of outreach in the Student Support Center (SSC) after Larry Karst, associate professor and counselor, retired at the end of last semester. Craig's new role is to reach out to non-traditional students.

According to Craig, what equates a non-traditional student is a \$1 million question. A non-traditional student can range anywhere from a student who is married with children to a student who has been in the workforce and who has gone back to school. Craig is currently a psychology instructor, guidance counselor, and coordinator for the outreach program. She is working on several programs geared toward non-traditional students.

On Thursday, Sept. 9, Marlene Chism will visit Missouri Southern to speak to and help motivate non-traditional students.

"She was a non-traditional student and knows what the students go through each semester."

SUSAN CRAIG
Counselor

"I am excited that Chism will be here," Craig said. "She was a non-traditional student and knows what the students go through each semester."

Although some traditional students may participate in various other programs offered throughout the year, the goal is to reach the students who are not on campus. These students could be taking classes on the Internet or on another campus.

"These students sometimes get lost in the shuffle," Craig said. "We just

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Hispanic journalist speaks on Thursday

By ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

Running for the border isn't just a saying for Taco Bell anymore as Latin America comes to the Midwest. Hispanic journalist Patricia Duarte kicks off Missouri Southern's Latin America Semester with a lecture at 11 a.m., Thursday in the Webster Hall auditorium.

Duarte is editor in chief of *Lamaze Parent's Magazine* in

Spanish, a parenting publication for Hispanic mothers. Duarte also founded Essence Communications' *Latina Magazine*.

"Patricia Duarte has been an inspiration for Latinas for several years and one of their leading spokespersons," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

"Latinos in Leadership" is the title of Duarte's presentation.

She will discuss promoting education, preserving culture, fighting discrimination, and striving for wider representation in government and private industry.

"Latino" is a term that was coined to help unite the Spanish-speaking South American immigrants to the United States.

"Many believe that (Duarte's) knowledge of the Latin American populous makes her an ideal speaker," said Andrew

Walker, agent for the American Program Bureau, which represents Duarte.

Duarte stresses the need for a common Hispanic identity, often referring to Hispanic activists such as Cesar Chavez. In previous speeches, Duarte has said "a national Latino agenda is being fashioned."

"Ms. Duarte typically addresses the emerging 'Latino nation,'

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New resident advisers welcome students

By MATT MADURA
Assistant Director of Photography

Campus living has two new leaders this year in Lissa Thomas, resident adviser for McCormick Hall, and Jeff Daniel, resident adviser for Blaine Hall.

Thomas graduated from Missouri Southern in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in speech communication.

"This is too good of an opportunity," she said.

Since 1996, Thomas has had her hands full. She lived in Springfield where she was employed by Cox Health Care. She designed the Employee Commission Program that promotes peer recognition and values.

"It's a program to recognize people who have gone above and beyond the call of duty," Thomas said.

She chose to accept the resident adviser position for various reasons.

"My family is here," Thomas said. "We are paying off my husband's student loans and we couldn't pass up free housing."

Thomas is not enrolled in school but plans

to take classes if Southern ever offers graduate programs. Right now, she doesn't want to travel to Pittsburg State University (PSU) or Southwest Missouri State University (SMSU).

While Thomas attended Southern, she never had a chance to live in the residence halls.

"My parents lived in Joplin so I just lived at home for free," she said. "This will be an experience."

Thomas enjoys working with the students and thinks she has a "great staff."

She wants a team effort from all the staff members to help take care of student resident life.

Unlike Thomas, Daniel was a staff assistant (SA) in the residence halls from December 1991 until 1996.

"I really liked being a SA when I was here," he said.

Daniel graduated from Southern in December 1996 with a bachelor's degree in marketing and management.

"I plan to work on getting my master's at SMSU next semester," Daniel said.

Although being off campus for almost four years, coming back will be a change of atmosphere for Daniel.

"It's going to be different," he said. "I have been in a house since graduation."

Daniel has brought a piece of home with him, though — his pet dog Nightly.

"It's hard to explain to students why they can't have a dog or a pet, but I can," Daniel said amusingly.

"I'm really excited we have a full house, the largest enrollment in a long time. Every bed in the building is full. I still have people on the waiting list."

Daniel wants to pull the two staffs into one. In previous years there has been one staff controlled in Blaine Hall and one staff in McCormick Hall. He said he wants both staffs to come together so it will seem more like a team.

"I like how they are better organized than last year," said Jason Kiefer, SA and senior secondary education major. "If their attitude is good, everything will be fine, if not, oh well."

Previous policies and rules still stand. Visitors still have to be out of the dorms by 11 p.m., and no overnight visitors are permitted in the apartment complexes. Residents will still have leadership with the new advisers. □



Lissa Thomas



Jeff Daniel

THIS WEEK

LIVING LA VILLA ESPAÑOLA:

Annual summer camp at Missouri Southern works to teach area children ages 10 to 14 about the Spanish language and latin culture.....

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1 08.28.99 McCormick Hall 12:07 p.m. Teresa Jackson reported the \$120 theft of cash and two Tommy Hilfiger T-shirts from her dorm room. Jackson's roommate, Jessica Tuttle, reported the \$40 theft of cash, two Calvin Klein T-shirts, and a Tommy Hilfiger tank top. Jackson reported she left her room at 6 a.m., and when she returned at 12:05 p.m. she found a note from Tuttle stating the items had been stolen.

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Spiva exhibits McCrea art

Work of KU assistant professor on display through September

By ERIC GRUBER
Associate Editor

Missouri Southern kicked off its Latin semester on Monday, August 31 with a collection of artwork from Judith Burns McCrea titled "Latin America Experiences" at the Spiva Art Gallery.

The collection includes 10 paintings and two drawings based on the artist's experiences and travels in Latin America, as well as her own spread of land where she lives outside of Lawrence, Kan.

"I fell in love with a Latin man and began traveling with him over Arizona and in many parts of Latin America," said McCrea, associate professor of painting and chairperson of the art department at the University of Kansas.

"I was very attracted to the culture," she said. "There is a connection that's been formed after colonial times which mixes sensualism and spirituality."

The 12 works on display at Spiva were done as a way of portraying her "substitute jungle" of 36 acres where she lives.

They also include the elements of spirituality and mysticism conveyed in the culture and the art of Latin America.

"There is almost a mystic connection for me between the pain and the fabric as well," McCrea said.

"I wanted a heightened sense of spirituality. Most of

it is embedded into the paint of my work."

Val Christensen, assistant professor of art, was aware of McCrea and her visits to Latin America over the last 12 years and saw this as an opportunity in conjunction with the Latin semester here at Southern.

"In characterizing Latin American art I think that a lot of it is pervaded by a sense of darker elements of existence in terms of the landscape," he said. "There is an element that does bring that all together from a different cultural perspective."

Christensen said the media and the message of the artwork help convey a sense of the Latin American culture, and at the same time the work is taken from the perspective of the artist's backyard.

"These works in terms of the application of paint and the darkness of the paint have a kind of sense of saturation, a closeness, a sense of jungle environment," he said.

"The heat, the sense of breakdown decay within the work."

For McCrea, future plans are in motion for a sabbatical which includes studying Spanish at the Monterey Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., and a visit to Northern Mexico, where she will live in the mountains with the Tarahumara Indians.

"They show their religion is not just a term of worship," McCrea said. "They live it in their everyday life and their every actions. It's almost like they mirror the sun."

During her sabbatical she will return to working on larger paintings as well.

"I see something almost every day that I find is extraordinary," she said. □



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Acid spill damages Student Life Center

Sub-contractor to blame for spill, minor delay

By Jeff Wells
Executive Editor

It seemed like a bright idea at the time, but in the end it is going to cost someone. In July, when construction on the new cafeteria for the Mayes Student Life Center was nearing completion, a worker for sub-contractor Galbraith's Paint and Floor Covering Company of Carthage accidentally damaged stainless steel kitchen fixtures with an acid.

The job started out normally. "It's a quarry tile floor, which, unlike a ceramic floor, you have to apply a supposedly mild acid to take the film off from the grouting process," said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant. "The problem occurred when he was removing the acid

Supposedly it had done its job, and now you wash it off. Apparently he went in there with a garden hose and splattered acid everywhere; I mean everywhere."

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, repeated the tale.

"My understanding is that they did the acid wash, particularly the kitchen area, and the acid could not be washed out real well and a hose was taken to spray the acid out, but it also washed it into other places," he said.

Gregg Galbraith, co-owner of the family business, did not argue with Beeler and Tiede.

"I won't argue with the facts," he said. "Nothing they did was out of the ordinary."

Galbraith said the crew was experienced and had never had a problem like this before.



DR. JOHN TIEDE

Beeler was surprised by the extent of the damage.

"You would think stainless steel would be rather immune to it," he said. "Well it's not. It depends on the grade of stainless. This grade of stainless that most kitchens are made of is susceptible to that type of acid. It did cause some staining and some pitting."

Tiede said the damage was mainly cosmetic.

"The functionality had not been damaged," he said. "They repaired everything, replaced casters, repaired or polished doors."

"The contractor finally enlisted the help of a good metallurgy company and they came in and did their best to run those pits out and clean things out," Beeler said.

The prime contractor on the project was Branco Enterprises, Inc. Dan Pekarek, director of the Joplin Health Department, said there were no lasting health issues caused by the accident.

"As I recall, the school requested [an

inspection], he said. "I don't recall, from our standpoint, any major violations."

Galbraith said normally on a new construction project they complete their work before any fixtures are installed.

"We would normally do our cleanup when the floor was done," he said.

However, because the project was rushing toward completion, other workers moved in before Galbraith's crew could complete the job.

"I would say it must have been nearly a month," he said. "Certainly we would like to do the cleanup right away."

Tiede said the accident delayed the project, but the College was able to take occupancy by the beginning of the school year.

Tiede said Southern will not lose any money because of the incident, and he will press for compensation because the equipment was damaged when Southern moved in.

"We will ask for a discount on the price of the equipment," he said. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Student Life Center dedicated, renamed today

After the dedication ceremony today, the new Student Life Center will be known as the Dianne Mayes Student Life Center.

Construction on the first floor of the center began in 1995, with college monies fitting the \$1.8 million price tag. The first floor holds a television lounge, laundry room, exercise room, vending machines and video games for all Southern students to enjoy.

Construction on the second floor came in the spring of 1998 and was completed this fall. The upstairs houses the cafeteria, a modern cafe, an ethnic food bar and an outdoor eating terrace.

The second phase of the project cost \$2.4 million.

Contributing to Southern's funding of the Center was a \$500,000 donation from the Mayes family. Roy Mayes, Dianne's husband, is a member of the Missouri Southern State College Foundation Board and contributed the money in March of this year.

Rod Surber, director of public information, said the Carthage couple was a long-time friend and supporter of the College. Dianne died in 1996 and was a former student.

The dedication ceremony takes place today at noon with a luncheon in Room 310 of the Billingsly Student Center. The unveiling of the plaque is at 1 p.m. in the Dianne Mayes Student Life Center. □

Rho Sigma honor society takes national award

The Achieving Chapter Excellence Award will be given to Rho Sigma, Missouri Southern's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, at the honor society's convocation held in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 11-13.

Kappa Delta Pi is an international honor society in education. Counselor Kate Abight and chapter residents Julie Posch and Heidi Hathcock will attend the event.

Rho Sigma was one of only 10 chosen for this honor out of 530 active chapters. The award is based on outstanding contributions in the areas of service, chapter programming, professional growth, and development of membership and activities with other chapters and educational organizations.

Each year the Rho Sigma Chapter contributes funds toward scholarships and the Child Development Center on campus. Members of Rho Sigma were active in efforts to establish the Joplin Ronald McDonald House, and support local schools through their Adopt-a-School Program. □

Southern faculty's art displayed in Springfield

The Springfield Art Museum's Kelly Gallery has displayed three pieces of artwork from two Missouri Southern art department faculty members.

Jim Bray, professor of art and art department head, has two pieces displayed. They include a watercolor painting titled "Hiding Places" and a ceramic panel titled "A's & S's."

Nick Kyle, associate professor of art, has an acrylic work, "The Journey," on display.

The exhibit, which continues through Sept. 5, accepted 200 art pieces within a 180-mile radius of Springfield. □

Southern nursing grad wins state essay contest

An essay submitted by Shannon Satterlee, R.N., Missouri Southern's Outstanding Graduating Student Nurse, won the 1999 essay contest held by the Missouri League for Nursing.

Satterlee's essay dealt with the role the Missouri League for Nursing plays in promoting political awareness and education for nurses in Missouri.

She received a one-year membership to the National League for Nursing from the Missouri League for Nursing, headquartered in Jefferson City.

Satterlee, a Joplin resident, graduated from Southern in May. She is employed in the birthing center at Freeman Health Systems. □

Biologist brings secret garden into full bloom

By Cassie Hombs
Staff Writer

It may only be the smell of a flower or the sight of a rare Missouri plant, but efforts of landscaping at Missouri Southern have everything coming up roses.

Anyone taking a stroll down the sidewalk near Webster Hall probably notices the red tulips that bloom near the flagpole in the spring. But the groundskeepers in the physical plant aren't the only ones who are making an effort to keep the campus beautiful.

Keep walking south, and a secret garden appears around the bend.

Dr. Dorothy Bay-Grillett, assistant professor of biology, said it was three years ago when the idea of a garden for Southern's campus came to her.

"This garden is more natural, easy to care for, and many other college campuses have these," she said. "It's a demonstration of a research garden. I wish we could landscape the whole campus like this."

The garden, a flower bed measuring about 10 meters long and one meter deep, is located on the northwest corner of Reynolds Hall.

Although it is three years old, Bay-Grillett said the garden is flourishing and never needs much care. She explained the garden is located in a spot receiving little sunlight except direct, and isn't protected from the sometimes harsh and unpredictable weather of southwest Missouri.

"It has the worst of all seasons, but it can weather through the bad times," she said. "It's very long and narrow, and is surrounded by the building and a sidewalk. But we never have to water it, just pull weeds and use grass mulch. It's self-maintaining."

All things considered, the garden shouldn't be doing as well as it is. It's the type of plants that keep it in its prime.

Prairie plants, blue stem grass, tripsacum (a plant closely related to corn), trilliums and the Missouri primrose are some of the garden's featured plants. The plants, native to Missouri, provide a possible explanation for their healthy yet neglected status.

"This garden is more natural and easy to care for."

DR. DOROTHY BAY-GRILLETT
Assistant Biology Professor



Dr. Dorothy Bay-Grillett, assistant professor of biology, inspects a Blue Salvia plant. Bay-Grillett started Southern's garden in 1996 with help from her plant taxonomy and botany survey classes.

In addition to bringing a little life to that area of the campus, the garden is also a positive learning tool for students in search of careers in the biology field. When the garden was constructed in 1996, Bay-Grillett had a little help.

In addition to other students in the plant taxonomy and botany survey classes, Jeff Terry, senior biology major, found his hands in the dirt.

"I basically just helped out," he said. "But, it has helped me to learn more about the native species of flowers. We have low-maintenance, pretty flowers that people can use in their

gardens at home. I would like to see more native plants planted out there."

In addition to the different types of grasses, the garden grows scented herbs, ice plants, and penstemon. Bay-Grillett said the important thing is not the types of plants that grow there, but the beauty and knowledge the garden provides to the students, faculty, and staff on campus.

"We could plant things on campus that last all year long and will look beautiful," she says. "I know I would be willing to do more." □

Senator race draws 13 candidates

By Kelly Dengel
Managing Editor

The rush to complete senator applications for the Student Senate was completed Thursday. The Student Senate race opened with the first day of school, inviting all Missouri Southern students to volunteer on the board.

The Student Senate acts as a group of concerned students whose goal is to communicate ideas, problems or improvements to the administration in hopes of improving the College.

According to Doug Carnahan, dean of students, 40 senator positions are open for election, with nine from each class. Carnahan said 24 applications were returned to the office Wednesday afternoon: 13 freshmen, 5 sophomores, 5 juniors, and 1 senior.

Students were required to obtain 125 signatures from Southern students on a petition and return them to the student activities office by 5 p.m. Wednesday. Senators must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours, and upperclassmen must have at least a C grade-point average.

Elections will be held Tuesday, Sept. 7 and Wednesday, Sept. 8. A voting booth will be established in the stairwell of the Billingsly Student Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both days. Students with evening classes can vote in the student activities office from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Absentee ballots will also be available on Friday, Sept. 10 in the

student activities office for those unable to vote at the appointed times.

Carnahan said if positions aren't filled after the election, students may be appointed by the Senate. Write-in votes (nominating a student for office on the voting ballot) are also viable options for becoming a senator.

Executive positions were filled last year with the induction of Patti Richardson as president, Jason Young as vice president, Heather Hoyle as secretary and Steven Bishop as treasurer. Richardson, junior general studies major, was a senator last year and said she really enjoyed the Student Senate.

"The biggest reason to join the Senate is because I have good ideas and a mouth to speak

them," Richardson said. Richardson, also the vice president of the Campus Activities Board (CAB), said the Senate has a positive roll on campus and gives input on campus activities.

Allocating a budget of more than \$25,000, the Senate has a large responsibility to the student body. Senators discuss and make recommendations for changes in policies, improvements on campus, and funding for organizations.

"If no one speaks up, I will," Richardson said. "I want to make it worth going to school."

Beginning September 22, the Student Senate will meet every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in Room 310 of the Billingsly Student Center. □

"If no one speaks up, I will. I want to make it worth going to school."

PATTI RICHARDSON
Student Senate President

Class 2001 looks to future

By Ginny Andrews
Senior Editor

In the opening days of their junior year at Missouri Southern, The Chart's Class of 2001 is beginning to think about a future after College.

Wade Early, junior political science, Spanish, and international studies major, says he has settled on three majors, but has doubts about his future career.

"I've decided on the triple major and will probably have a job in none of the three, so I'm just going to be another statistic," he said.

While he would like to acquire all three emphasis areas, Early says he will be graduating in May of 2001 no matter what he has on his degree at the time of graduation.

"If I don't get all three degrees I'll just graduate with whatever I have, I just have to make sure I have at least one full major and not three minors," he said.

Young Life, a Christian group with outreach to local high school students, took up much of Early's time over the spring and summer

semesters. He is now working as a part-time staff member with Young Life, and says the ministry is something with which he would consider long-time involvement.

"I'm thinking the Young Life thing could become something, and I don't know what I'm going to do with the Spanish, but I really like it," he said.

Junior education major Nann Robertson says she has cut back on hours this semester and continues to take the minimum amount to keep her scholarship.

"I don't want to kill myself," she said.

With Robertson's youngest son beginning kindergarten this year, she says she has even more at-home responsibilities. Her other two sons are 11 and 8-years-old, and Robertson says they are living some difficulty in their classes, which is time consuming as well.

"Every day I am physically picking them up from school and talk-



Class of 2001
Fall 1997: Five freshmen, a cross-section of the Missouri Southern student body, share their concerns, fears, and dreams as they move toward graduation in May 2001.

Publication promotion prompts pride, thought

In the past few months, as I have prepared for my promotion to the top of *Chart* protocol, I have thought about a great many things. I have reflected on the pride I feel in heading up such a noteworthy and award-winning publication. Then, the people who have helped in my life's journey up to this point have been on my mind. There have been educators from elementary school up to college who have pushed, even pulled, me along times.

Then there are the friends like Kiki Coffman, someone who has been supportive in all those choices I have made, and has given me a better understanding of the world. Finally, there is my family. I have thought of two members for particular reasons.

One is my sweet great-grandmother, who means the world to me, and will turn 90 on Oct. 11.

Then there is Wes, my oldest brother. He is on my mind because tomorrow marks the fifth anniversary of when my family changed forever.

Labor Day fell on Sept. 4 in 1994. I do not remember anything that happened on that day, but I do remember that evening.

I was a senior in high school living with my dad. I had returned home and went to bed after spending the weekend at my mom's house.

About 11:30 p.m., my dad woke me telling me to come downstairs. It seemed surreal as I walked downstairs. My stepmother was on the phone and did not even seem to notice me walk by.

My dad called me into a back sitting room in the house, and had me sit down. I already knew something bad had happened.

I sat down and Dad sat next to me. He said there had been an accident. I knew immediately who it was, but in a naive attempt to avoid what my gut told me to be the truth, I started naming off who I knew it was not.

I rapidly named off various people: my mom, my brother Mike, my grandparents. Dad kept shaking his

head and I said, "It's Wes." He agreed, and I asked if it was a car accident, and he said yes. Again I asked a question I already knew the answer to. "Is he all right?" Dad did not answer, so I knew my feeling was right. At approximately 8 that evening, my brother died in a head-on collision. As quickly as possible, he passed from our lives in the physical sense. He was only 29, 6 years older than I am now.

The next week was turbulent to say the least. I went through it almost dazed until Thursday. That day, the family went to the funeral home for a private viewing. As we waited for everyone before entering the chapel, my brother's ex-wife arrived with his daughter, Rachelle.

It was at that moment I passed from shock into horrible grief. I saw my 8-year-old niece standing there to say goodbye to her father.

A public visitation was held Friday, then the funeral on Saturday. My family survived and went on with life.

The last five years have been good at times. We still sit around and tell stories of adventures we had in the past, usually things involving Wes. He added so much color to the family.

It seemed as though many of the good times we shared as a family, particularly all three of my brothers and myself, had ended. The basketball games and canoe trips would not be the same with Wes missing.

This last week I kept thinking about what Wes would think of me now. I was just a kid when he was here, and now I am a true adult.

I no longer need a big brother to look out for me or help me along at times.

But, sometimes when I have a moment to think about my life, I wonder what it would be like to have Wes still here to encourage and help me when I need it.

If that is too much to ask, I wish I could have just one more float trip down Big Sugar Creek with my three brothers. □



EDITOR'S COLUMN
JEFF BILLINGTON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Tight quarters may prompt bad habits

In *Field of Dreams* James Earl Jones told Kevin Costner, "If you build it, they will come."

But Missouri Southern has another factor to consider when attracting students: where to house them.

Costner's ball players disappeared back into an Iowa cornfield when the evening's game was over, but some Southern students do not disappear when a day's classes have ended.

New facilities such as the Mayes Student Life Center and the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center have attracted students to Southern. Preliminary enrollment figures indicate a total enrollment increase of about 250 students, compared to fall 1998. Final figures will not be available until after the fourth week of classes.

The increase in enrollment has created a demand for student housing, resulting in overcrowding in the on-campus apartments and residence halls. The apartments, which hold four students comfortably, are being pressed to hold five or more students.

Overcrowding creates another stress on students trying to form good academic habits in the first weeks of the semester. If the situation is not solved, these students' education may be effected. Overcrowding may lead to retention, discipline, and academic issues.

If Southern's phenomenal growth is to continue, the College must provide additional housing. The Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) will not designate funds for student housing. However, in the past few years, Southern's friends have repeatedly provided funding when the state would not.

Without their support, the College would be forced to search for funds through other avenues, which may be where Southern is headed.

Soliciting private funds, issuing bonds, or increasing fees are the traditional sources of funding. Although an increase in room and board fees may not sound ideal, crammed residence halls for students aren't either.

Finishing the current building projects should be foremost on the College's priority list. After those are completed, Southern should look to alleviate the housing crunch for students with the addition of a new housing facility.

Southern has already proved the "build-it-and-they-will-come" theory. Now the dream should continue for the students who have already come, and for those who will someday make this College their home. □

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Congregating remains key to human progression

"If you ask almost any adult about the impact of school on his or her growth, he or she will not tell you about books or curriculum... or anything like that. The central memory is of the teacher, learning is meeting." In recent years, particularly since I began to teach Methods of Teaching English, I have become ever more reflective about the nature of teaching and learning. Two writers, from two very different disciplines, have led me to focus on aspects of teaching which transcend lectures, discussions, journals, collaborative learning projects — the bag of tricks (extraordinarily important in themselves) that are central to teaching and learning. One of those writers, Walter Bruggeman, a theologian, is quoted above. The other, Loren Eiseley, was a paleontologist, a teacher, and once one of those "darker, more uncertain, late-maturing" students whom he urges teachers not to lose sight of in search for the "able, all-purpose success-modeled student." Echoing Bruggeman, Eiseley writes, "There are other subjects for which I have more than ordinary affection because they are associated in my mind with kindly and understand-

ing men and women...Sculptors reaching blindly forward into time, they struck out their creation."

My point in all of this is to celebrate, particularly for more recently arrived faculty and students, my sense, shaped by my experience as student and teacher, that this "meeting" Bruggeman referred to is at the heart of our tradition here at Missouri Southern, a tradition that goes back to such teachers as Grace Mitchell, who many years ago, confronted by a sobbing 18-year-old enrolled in freshman English, exhibited that "kindness and understand-



IN PERSPECTIVE
DR. DORIS WALTERS
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

ing" of which Eiseley speaks. Particularly as a writer and a teacher of freshman English and Children's Literature, I, that sobbing young woman, am indeed her creation, as I am also the creation of Harry Gockel, who made history a vivid pageant, and Paul Jensen, whose gentle nurturing enabled a student who had taken one high school math class to survive Math 110. Librarians are teachers, too, and I can never enter Spivz Library without thinking of Loretta Frazier, whose passion for learning (and care for young people) was referred to a few years ago by Richard Hood in an editorial in the *Kansas City Star*.

Writing this column reminds me also of Cleetis Headlee, who in her exacting way certainly "met" all of us who wrote for the *The Chart* under her sponsorship, in the process establishing another distinguished Southern tradition. It has also been my good fortune as a faculty member in the English department to be surrounded for my whole career by colleagues for whom teaching was and is central. Happily, I have observed the same focus on teaching, on "meeting" the student, on the Southern campus as a whole.

So, to students reading this column, particularly those who have recently joined us, join me in celebrating a place where you and your teachers can still "meet" in the way I have described. Join me in celebrating a college in which you are a person who counts, not a number to be counted.

To faculty reading this column, particularly those I have described earlier as recently arrived, I challenge us to affirm and continue into a new century the focus on teaching, the focus on "meeting" our students that has characterized our past. To quote Frederick Buechner, commenting on Bruggeman's idea, there is a "power that can be generated by the meeting and trading of lives...a power to heal us and bless us and in the end maybe even to transform us into truly human beings at last." □

Good results and intentions aren't always bedfellows

Early in the summer I picked my girlfriend up from her on-campus apartment and we set out by one of Joplin's new Italian restaurants.

As we passed Missouri Southern, I noticed my Oldsmobile was running a little bit low on fuel. It eased up the hill into Duquesne, I stopped and pumped my car full of gasoline. The events that happened as I went in to pay ruined my afternoon.

There were three women behind the counter of this station and two were running registers. The woman was trying to pay with an out-of-town

check, but the station had signs posted that all checks must be preapproved. This woman did not see the signs until after she pumped her fuel. The women, one who identified herself as the owner, repeatedly refused to accept the woman's check. The woman identified herself as a teacher and her car had Missouri plates.

I have worked in retail for three years and realize that there is a huge risk involved in taking checks, so I understand where the women were coming from. However, I did not agree with their handling of the situation.

But, the bottom line was the clerks would not let her leave and she had no other form of payment. I had waited in line for several minutes, paid, and I was ready to get out of there. But, something drew me back inside. I offered to pay the woman's bill and take the risk on the check myself.

One of the women behind the counter told me, "You have no business telling me how to run my business."

She insulted me a couple of times and sent both me and the woman on our way.

In my years in retail I know there are times that I have not lived up to my customers' expectations; however, if someone tried to do a good deed that was fair to everyone involved, I would not personally attack that individual. □



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Students With Abilities



Gabriel Stokes, sophomore mass communications major, sits at the control board while working for Southern's KXMS radio.

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG
The Chart

BY ERIC GRUBER AND RHONDA CLARK
Associate Editors

No matter where one looks, there is always someone with some type of need. Missouri Southern heard the call, and has taken action to reach out to the needs of anyone who steps foot on campus.

Southern has taken many measures to ensure that buildings and staff are up to speed with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

"Originally, we had a task force," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "Now it's just a matter of keeping things updated."

The suggestions and guidelines for making buildings handicap-accessible come from the Americans with Disabilities Act Guide (ADAG). This guide includes building plans and architectural designs which benefit those in need.

Tiede is unaware of any complaints pertaining to accessibility or accommodations at Southern.

"We rely a great deal for students to let Melissa [Locher] know if they have a need," he said. "If there is, well, we'll take care of it."

Melissa Locher, coordinator for disabilities, said there may be anywhere from 130 to 150 students at Southern with disabilities.

"There is a whole range of students out there who have disabilities and you'd never know it," she said.

For Gabriel Stokes, sophomore mass communications major, few students and instructors realize he has a disability.

Stargardt's maculopathy, a juvenile form of macular degeneration, began affecting his sight during his adolescent years.

The gradual loss of his central vision limits Stokes' ability to view certain images and read without magnification.

"Because my vision problem is not obvious, people walking up and down the hall are not going to know," he said. "Everybody needs to have a little more patience and go with the flow when there are differences."

For Sharon Wingert, senior general studies major with minors in math, theatre, and art, her struggle with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder and dyslexia is also not outwardly apparent.

Though she has operated her own photography studio in Golden City for the past 15 years, a college degree became a challenging goal.

After failing an English class in 1989, she took a Return to Learn class in 1993. It was after this that Wingert was tested and discovered her learning disabilities.

"I've learned to train myself while at Southern," she said. "After two hours, I'm up and have to move. It's retaught me to enjoy and absorb the information."

Locher believes Southern effectively provides for the needs of those students with disabilities in unofficial and official ways.

"I feel like, philosophically, the College has always done real well by students with disabilities because we've always had a teaching orientation," she said. "When you have instructors that want to be in the classroom and they want to be teaching those freshman-level classes, they're orientated to helping students."

Stokes and Wingert utilize the Learning Center when it comes time for tests. A closed-circuit TV magnifies lessons for Stokes, while Wingert must listen to audio tapes through headphones while also visualizing her exam.

While Southern is accessible to students with physical disabilities, there is no question that if a building might be inaccessible, there would be efforts made to rectify the situation.

"There's only one place that you literally physically could not get to if you were in a wheelchair, and that is the lounge area for the theatre," Locher said.

Misty Cleveland, senior general business major with a minor in paralegal, has dealt with her handicap since birth.

Though cerebral palsy has set physical limitations, she hasn't experienced any major problems while maneuvering around campus on a motorized scooter. She advises others to tackle life's challenges.

"Stick with it and you can do anything you've got your mind set to," Cleveland said.

Currently, the Learning Center is working on formalizing its procedures and will be making "user friendly documents."

These will include brochures with information on obtaining a handicap permit or how to get a note taker. Locher also commented on the need to find note takers.

"That is something that I always scrounge for in the first of the semester," she said.

Some students are partially eliminated from being note takers due to certain requirements. Freshmen lack experience in note taking, and time conflicts also play a big part.

Stokes finds these volunteers invaluable when researching at the library. Because he needs a 26- to 28-point font to read without magnification, readers assist Stokes through the maze of books and electronic gadgetry on the research trail.

Locher's office also provides sign language interpreters, tutors, and other assistants.



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Misty Cleveland, senior general business major, prepares to enter Economics class in Matthews Hall. She uses a motorized scooter both on and off campus to get around.

Though a number of people take advantage of help from the Learning Center, there are those who are still reluctant to seek help.

Students born with disabilities tend to seek Locher's help, whereas students with newly developed disabilities tend to be more reluctant. It all depends on how long the person has had the disability.

"I know that there are a good percentage of students with disabilities on campus that never come to my office," Locher said.

Stokes, Wingert, and Cleveland find Locher's office easily accessible. Stokes believes in planning his own destiny, and advises others to self-advocate.

"A person needs to rely on their self to get things done and verbalize concerns and troubles to counselors, instructors, whatever," he said. Persons needing more information on special needs may contact Locher at 625-9516.

"At this point, if you haven't seen my name on the syllabus somewhere you're really missing the boat," she said. □



MATT MADURA/The Chart

Melissa Locher, coordinator of disabilities, said she tries to keep her door open to students in need.

Diversion

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Christina Chenoweth, helper at La Villa Espanola, checks luggage in the Spanish Villa Customs in a mock airport arrival in Spain. Students learned about many aspects of travel, culture, and language in the week-long camp.

Campers expand a of Spanish culture

By ERIC GRUBER
Associate Editor

Southern offers facilities to help educate young minds

Some students may have taken a break from Missouri Southern this summer by participating in sestas and beverages from south of the border. But, for some local children, the summer brought a camp to

learn about Spanish culture. "La Villa Espanola" (The Spanish Village) is offered during the summer for children ages 10 through 13.

Located on the Southern campus, the program's purpose is to teach children about Spanish language and cultures.

The campers stay at Southern from Sunday to Friday, with meals and snacks provided. This year's camp ran from July 11 to 23. Tatiana Karmanova, director of the International Language Resource Center (ILRC), directed the camp this year.

"This was the fifth session and we've been doing it for the past four years," Karmanova said. "Last year we had two sessions in the summer."

She said the growth has increased in the past years. "I believe 24 was the first year and up to 57 this year," Karmanova said.

"I like it when we learn a lot about the different countries. I like the games we play too."

Will Cragin
Joplin elementary student

John Cragin
Villa Espanola
"We're studying."

"I wanted to limit is 10 to next camp. It Cragin attended expressed to limit be raised. His brother last three years camp in the future. "I really like

having fun." "If nothing countries." Persons into camp may call at karmanova 625-3109. □

Poetry Club 2 offers invite for aspiring writers, artists

By CYNTHIA TURNBULL
Staff Writer

Dworkin inspires nouveau beatniks

Aspiring poets might be interested in The Live Poets Society 2.

The Live Poets Society was given life when Kiki Coffman, senior mass communications major, and Paul Dobson, junior English major, attended a class taught by Dr. Joy Dworkin, associate professor of English.

"The Live Poets Society is a Writer's Workshop, was something I spoke to Dr. Dworkin about at the end of last semester," Coffman said. "So, I worked with Paul Dobson and Dr. Dworkin to circulate a sign-up list for people interested in writing and the workshop environment."

Several students around the campus have expressed interest in the first meeting. Several students signed up at the Fall Forward booth on the first day of classes.

"Missouri Southern needed an organization like the Live Poets so gifted writers and people with a creative bend can get together with other writers and revel in the literary, encourage creativity, and find support in others," Dobson said.

The group held a couple of meetings this summer to try out the idea.

Already they have more than 30 charter members.

"The Live Poets Society 2 is a little different than the original Live Poets Society," Coffman said.

"We concentrate on original writings of our members. Also, we discuss business, do a writing exercise, and then bring out a piece or two of writing for the rest of the group to workshop. We sometimes meet at the City Deli for coffee and discussions about writing."

"All members are encouraged to attend Crabby's Open Mic Night at 8 p.m. on Sundays, where several of our members perform."

Coffman is club president, with Dobson and Rich Baldwin, senior English major, as vice presidents. Faculty sponsors are Dworkin and Dr. Art Saltzman, professor of English.

"We will also perform our works locally and possibly put out a Chap Book of our works this year," Baldwin said.

One of the various special projects the club is tentatively working on includes bringing poet/author Albert Goldbarth to campus.

"I think this club will be a great chance for writers to benefit from the experience of others," Dobson said.

"We aren't just about workshoping members' poetry, but fiction as well," Baldwin said. "I personally am most interested in this aspect."

The first meeting this semester will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16, in the Lion's Den located in the basement of the Billingsly Student Center. Persons interested in more information may call 673-3506 or 624-3348. □

Our picks of

Summer, perhaps the most important season for the movie industry, seems to have become the opportune time for production studios to release their best flicks. This summer was no different. The following is my list of ten that are guaranteed to entertain.

1. *The Sixth Sense* — Intriguing from the start, this movie kept me riveted. Haley Joel Osment plays a boy who "sees dead people" and is searching for a way to discard his ill-fated gift. Bruce Willis plays the child psychologist trying to help Osment accomplish this feat.

2. *The Blair Witch Project* — Perhaps the greatest sleeper in movie history I haven't been that scared in a long time. Beware, not only will this movie scare you, but the camera work could make you sick.

3. *The Runaway Bride* — In the midst of a summer full of brightful releases, this comedy about a woman who doesn't know what she wants in a man is a pleasant respite. It doesn't hurt that Julia Roberts and Richard Gere are a wonderful match.

4. *Tarzan* — Every so often Disney makes one of those movies that is so good you just can't get enough of it. It's safe to say that Tarzan will be making that list. The "deep canvas" that created so much hype actually lived up to its reputation and made for a colorful and moving portrayal, capped off with Phil Collins' soundtrack.

5. *Star Wars: Episode 1, The Phantom Menace* — The most anticipated movie of the summer lived up to its hype, but just barely. Unfortunately, it seems George Lucas sacrificed his supernatural gift of storytelling for spectacular special effects. The acting is solid though, and the story will keep you on the edge of your seat.

6. *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me* — Unfortunately it didn't live up to the reputation gained from the first Austin Powers movie. Still, Mike Myers knows how to make us laugh. Besides, who can complain about Heather Graham?

7. *Arlington Road* — Hollywood did a good job this summer with

clever plot lines, as is evidenced in this movie. The movie challenges whether the reality we see is what it really is. Jeff Bridges and Robin Williams play this out in perfection. *Thomas Crown Affair* — This movie with an intriguing plot, this re-

of the 1965 version, starring Faye Dunaway and Robert Redford, kept me watching. Unlike its adversary *Entrapment*, *Thomas Crown Affair* keeps the audience moving from one clue to the next so quickly that it is almost impossible to solve the mystery.

9. *Bowfinger* — Eddie Murphy and Steve Martin get together to create an incredibly hilarious spoof about a down-on-his-luck director and his half-brained plan for making it big.

Murphy once again dazzles audiences with his multiple characters as Martin leads his group of mismatched actors through crazy film shoots guaranteed to bring some laughs. Did I mention Heather Graham is in this?

10. *Nothing Hill* — This comedy about an ordinary man who happens to fall into the heart of a world-renowned actress (who uncannily resembles another leading lady with red hair) is both touching and funny.

Honorable Mentions — Though not good enough to be called great, the following are entertaining and worth a few pennies to see:

- *Deep Blue Sea* (intense with great effects)
- *Mystery Men* (goofy, but fun)
- *Big Daddy* (charming)
- *Mickey Blue Eyes*
- *The Thirteenth Warrior*
- *Brokedown Palace* □



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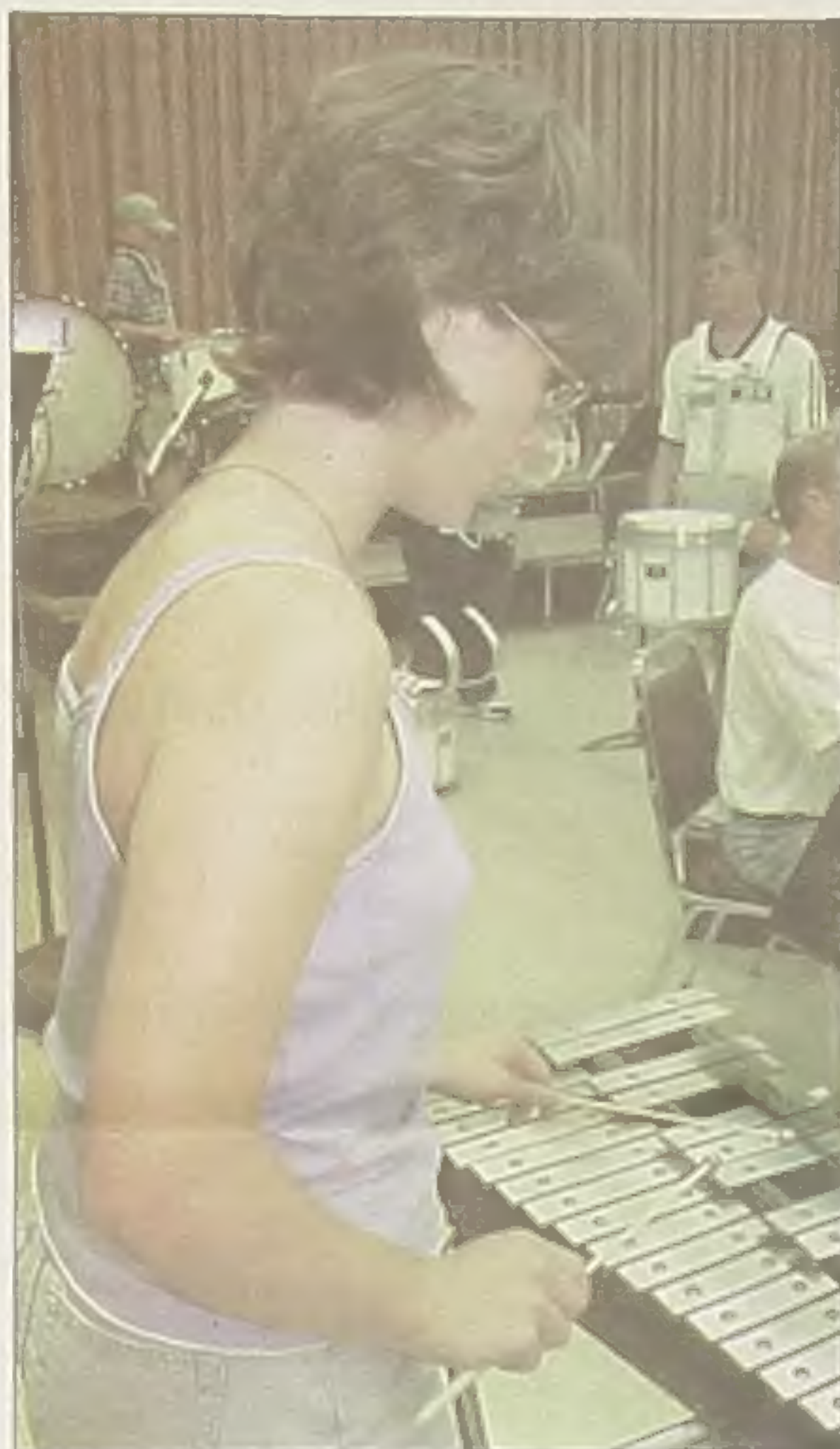
American History X is only one of the movies featured in this issue's top 10 lists of this summer's best theatrical releases, as well as those available on home video.

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awareness customs

from Joplin, commented on "La" and what it meant to him. "Spanish and it's really fun," he said. "I'll be back next year, but the age group I want to be a counselor for the next year will be really fun." "I've been at the camp the last four years. He wants to have his desire that the age group wouldn't have to stop coming. Cragin, 18, has attended for the last four years and looks forward to attending the camp next year." "I've been at the camp the last four years. He wants to have his desire that the age group wouldn't have to stop coming. Cragin, 18, has attended for the last four years and looks forward to attending the camp next year."

Marching band offers scholarships



Beth Woolery, sophomore chemistry major, warming up on the xylophone in preparation for the day's marching band rehearsal.

BY CANDACE MOORE
Staff Writer

The past few years have shown a decline in the Missouri Southern Lion Pride Marching Band membership, and new director Rusty Raymond has been working to bring the band back into the limelight.

"The numbers have been waning in recent years, and I feel that one of the reasons I was brought in was to rejuvenate the program," he said.

There are some new incentives to joining this semester. College President Julio Leon has pledged enough scholarship money to award each new member \$250, and possibly more, depending on one's ability level.

Another incentive includes ordering new uniforms. All members will have their uniforms sized specifically for them.

Besides money and new uniforms, students have an opportunity to get involved on campus, make new friends, and have a good time.

Kelley Mann, junior music education major, believes a key to enjoying band is to remember to have a good time. "Band gives you a good opportunity to be social and just a lot of fun," she said.

Mann maintains a positive outlook on the future of the band no matter what happens this year. "We have some really great players, and it's going to be a high-quality sounding marching band," she said.

Lance Burnett, senior instrumental music education major, can't imagine college without band.

"I think it'll be pretty boring going to school without being involved in music," he said.

Raymond believes firmly that quality should never be sacrificed for quantity when it comes to his band.

He expects students to work hard and be dedicated to it. Burnett is one example of this kind of student, and has found it does pay off.

"Marching band isn't easy, but it's very rewarding in the end if you give it your all," he said.

Raymond wants to stress to students that college-level band is much different than at the high school level, and he is willing to work with anyone who is interested. "The more kids are involved, the more successful they will be," he said. □

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like published, call Chris Roberts at 625-9311.



Matt Madura/THE CHART

■ Thomas Paige, sophomore, shoots a game of eight ball with fellow Kappa Alpha members Thursday night at Bowl East. Paige is rushing for the fraternity.

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Deadline to pick up free Alumni T-shirts in the Alumni office

Volleyball ■ Florida Southern University

Saturday 4

Volleyball ■ Florida Southern University

Cross Country hosts Missouri Southern Bob Laptad Invitational

Renaissance Festival begins in Kansas City. Tickets available ■ MSSC ticket office. Festival runs until Oct. 17; weekends, Labor Day and Columbus Day.

1 p.m.—

Men's soccer at Southern Indiana University

Monday 6

Labor Day/ No Classes!

Tuesday 7

Deadline to sign up for Ft. Scott PD interview in career development

Deadline ■ sign up for Intramural Golf league and/or Tennis league, Young Gym Raquetball office

Sorority Rush starts

9 a.m.- 2 p.m.—

Student Senate Elections, BSC 2nd floor



stairwell

11 a.m.—

CAB lecture: James Malinchak- "Chicken Soup for the College Soul," Webster Auditorium

6:30 p.m.—

Kappa Alpha Order Alumni BBQ, meet in front ■ Billingsly Student Center.

Wednesday 8

8 a.m.- 5 p.m.—

Kappa Delta Pi Book Fair begins and runs through the 15th. Lobby of Taylor Education

9 a.m.- 1 p.m.—

MedFlight helicopter display and lecture, SLC lawn

9 a.m.- 2p.m.—

Student Senate elections, BSC stairwell

5 p.m.—

Womens' and mens soccer vs. Northeastern State University



■ The first meeting of the Campus Activities Board is ■ noon Wednesday on BSC 3rd floor. The meeting is open to all students and CAB will supply refreshments.

7:30 p.m.—

KA game night meet in BSC parking lot

Thursday 9

11 a.m.—

Institute ■ International Studies presents Hispanic journalist Patricia Duarte. Webster Auditorium

11 a.m.—

Student Support Services presents Dr. Marlene Chism on empowerment for non-traditional students. BSC 306

7 p.m.—

Volleyball vs. Henderson State University

Hot summer flicks

How do a house full of college kids have a night's worth of entertainment for as low as 25¢ each? RAID BLOCKBUSTER!

Since seeing every major blockbuster in theaters is quite the drain on a person's pocketbook, I've come up with a few rental recommendations that, with a little home theatre technology, could give Star Wars: Episode One, The Phantom Menace a run for its money.

10. Saving Private Ryan —

From the first shot of the old man walking through Arlington Cemetery, emotions were running high. Being the first of several WWII copy cats certainly had its advantages for this movie (and Matt Damon is ALWAYS a plus).

9. Shakespeare in Love — I have two words—CHAMBER POTS! The authenticity of the England culture definitely shines through. Hollywood finally found a way to make Shakespeare appeal to the masses.

8. Another Day in Paradise —

Grand theft, drug addicts, and the breakdown of modern culture are the prevailing themes in this movie. It absorbs the audience into the underside of society and makes viewers understand what drives one to such a life.

7. Enemy of the State —

Any movie that utilizes a small kitchen appliance (i.e. a blender) in so many jokes and still manages to keep viewers chewing off their fingernails in suspense belongs in the Video Rental Hall of Fame.

6. Psycho — Even supreme Hitchcock fans must appreciate Gus van Sant's loyalty to the original. Granted, the master of suspense still reigns supreme in the cinematography department. But it's still fun to see Anne Heche try to copy Vivian Leigh's famous shower scene.

5. Payback —

Mel Gibson plays the perfect "man on a mission" in this action movie ■ top all action movies. Testosterone runs rampant, so guys feel



free ■ grant and wish that you too were man enough ■ have your toes sledgehammered by a mobster

4. Cruel Intentions — This twisted story of human manipulation is worth seeing for the soundtrack alone. But for the fortunate viewer, there is also a complex plot and extremely deep character development. Who knew that "Buffy" could do more than just slay vampires?

3. Simon Birch — A little boy with a rare condition steals the audience's heart in this coming-of-age story. It makes the top three because it defies the typical oxymoron "good family movie." Simon Birch doesn't dwell on Simon's handicaps, but instead shows the trials and triumphs of adolescence.

2. American History X — Politically charged and mindbogglingly intense, American History X forces people out of their comfort zone, slamming racism straight down their throats. Released in a limited number of theaters, it is now available for the masses. Though some scenes are brutally realistic, it is a must-see for those who desire to have their minds bent.

And finally (insert drum roll here)...

1. Return ■ Paradise —

Vince Vaughn and Anne Heche star in this sleeper about the ultimate question of "Would I sacrifice my life for my friend?" When Vaughn's friend gets arrested in Malaysia for having excessive amount of hash, a good portion of which is Vaughn's, an American lawyer, played by Heche, asks Vaughn to return to Malaysia to accept his share of the responsibility ■ returning to Malaysia, Vaughn will face a minimum of three years in prison, but that may be a small price ■ pay to keep his friend from the poose. A DEFINITE MUST SEE and my top pick to take off the video store shelf.

And there it is — how ■ have a night's entertainment for less than it costs ■ eat in the Mayes Student Life Center □



In Review



Erin Sellers
Associate
Editor

DING AND A SCRAPE



Elina Lovato (striped shirt) watches as a Joplin police officer investigates the damage to her Chevy Cavalier. Lovato's car was hit on Thursday at the intersection of Newman Road and Sarcoxie Trail.

CLASS 2001:

Student wakes from summer coma

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ing to their teachers," she said.

Over the summer, she helped with church camps and vacation Bible school lessons, and was able to spend all her time with her husband and sons. The stress of school is an adjustment for her.

"I had a wonderful summer and fell into a deep summer coma," Robertson said. "By the end of the summer, I couldn't do anything but go to the pool. Now I can't concentrate on reading anything for more than 15 minutes at a time, but I'm working on that."

Future schooling is also on the mind of junior biology major Amanda Pulce.

"I've been talking to people from Wake Forest University in North Carolina," she said. "They sound like they're talking a good deal, but we'll see."

Pulce says there are several opportunities she is looking into, including one in which a Ph.D. and M.D. can be acquired in seven years.

"I'm thinking about that, as long as I can stay focused," she said. "I have to graduate from Missouri Southern first, though."

With 17 hours this semester, Pulce has found a job that relates to her major and offers time for studies.

"I'm working for Pathway's support (with mentally handicapped individuals)," she said. "I like the freedom of it. I don't have anyone looking over my shoulder, and I enjoy it." □

COUNSELOR: Craig takes undecideds

From Page 1

and them feel a part of this school and there are people who are here for them."

Craig will also be in charge of students who have undeclared majors. Basically, her role will be the same as it was with more duties included.

According to Kelly Wilson, director of the SSC, Craig will bring a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to the outreach program.

"This will be a win-win situation for everyone involved," Wilson said. "Craig will inspire a great deal of people and give credence to the school."

Craig is very creative and full of high energy."

Persons needing more information may contact Craig at 625-9542. □

DUARTE: Duarte lecture to kick off Latin America semester, topics stress culture, education, and ending discrimination

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calling it a product of growing unity of disparate ethnic groups," Stebbins said. "Her message is that there are 30 million Latinos in the United States and that they

shouldn't classify themselves as a single group of people."

The Institute of International Studies, which is responsible for bringing Duarte

Southern, hopes a large amount of the local Latin American population, as well as Southern students, attends her speech.

Speaking in Webster Hall Auditorium is

not the only activity which Duarte will be participating in while she is at Southern on September 9.

She will tape a Newsmakers interview

with Judy Siles, MSTV general manager, at 1:30 p.m. and she will speak to the International Techno-Trends class at 2:30 p.m. □

LIST: Students lack adequate housing

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that it is a temporary situation.

Carnahan said other options might include having a student sleep on a couch from the living room or even on the floor.

"You feel sorry for these kids, but it's not like they applied in February and don't have a room," he said.

Gipson was particularly surprised with the number of male applicants this year.

In the last five years there have been more females. This year she said the numbers are almost equal.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, believes one of the main reasons Southern is seeing such a growth in the residence halls is because of the new additions to the College.

"I think a lot is the Student Life Center," Tiede said. "People are excited about the new facility by the residence halls and (about) the international programs. People are coming in from more than a 50-mile radius."

If trends like this continue, the College might consider expanding the residence halls in the future.

"We have been talking for a few months," Beeler said. "If we continue this trend, which I expect, I expect the space on the east side of the dining hall to be in progress."

"We don't want to go out tomorrow and start, but a trend like this has to plant a seed in our mind that we'll need more housing," Gipson said. "But, we all expected it to become a reality." □

ONE LAST JOB



Tuesday marked the retirement day and birthday for carpenter Allan Rose. Rose, who has been with Missouri Southern for 14 years. Here he is mixing cement for the walls for the new offices being built on the third floor of Webster Hall.

Reorganization: New plant director

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"Job disputes...generally happen toward the end of a job, the accusations and the finger pointing...can occur about things that occur early in the project," he said. "Unless you have a good daily record...you are relying on memories. To me it is an important function on a big project to have daily records of job progression and staffing."

Beeler said in the past, the College hired a third-party architect to record progress.

"[The reorganization] would potentially save the College that fee," Beeler said.

Robert Harrington was selected as the director of plant operations. He will oversee custodial services, grounds, transportation, security, and environmental services. Both Beeler and Harrington will report directly to Tiede.

Harrington comes to Southern from Empire District Electric Company where he has been general manager of its E*Watch security systems organization for eight months.

Prior to working at Empire, Harrington was employed by St. John's Regional Medical Center for 20 years, serving most recently as the vice president for facilities and property management. He is also active in civic organizations such as the United Way and the Rotary Club.

"When I left St. John's, my wife and I made a decision to stay in Joplin," Harrington said.

He was excited to join Empire and wanted to progress through the company. However, Empire's merger with Utilicorp ruined his plans.

"When I saw the opportunity at Missouri Southern, I thought it was the good Lord giving me an opportunity in my own backyard — an opportunity to grow and develop with a great organization here in Joplin," Harrington said. "I'm really looking forward to it."

The reorganization has been delayed to accommodate Harrington.

"Originally, I was targeting Sept. 1, but now I am targeting Sept. 20," Tiede said. "That will be Mr. Harrington's start date."

Tiede has not heard any reaction to the change from the physical plant staff.

"I think that everyone understands the big time constraints we are having," he said.

"We are just growing and having growing pains."

Beeler has sensed some anxiety about the change.

"It's normal reaction, I think, to be a little anxious about this," he said.

"We have been doing this this way for 10 years."

Harrington plans no immediate changes.

"My first plan will be meet with the employees and meet with the people we serve to best fit their needs," he said.

Beeler and Harrington say they will have no problems working together.

"Bob and I have been friends for years and I look forward to working with him," Harrington said.

"We used to play racquetball every morning, and I hope we get back into that," Beeler said. □

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Stoplight planned for school

Accidents and traffic volume prove need for stoplight

BY JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

The waiting game continues for pedestrians and traffic crossing the intersection of Newman and Duquesne on the northeast corner of the Missouri Southern campus.

Last February, Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, told *The Chart* that he understood the signal would be online for the beginning of this semester.

Beeler was among the people wondering where the stoplight was this fall.

"Yeah, where is it?" Beeler said. "I called my friend David Hertzberg [assistant director of the public works] at the city and I said, 'Where is our stoplight?' I told David 'I'm going to send those reporters after you.'"

The city combined the stoplight project with a street-paving program and the bids came in too high.

"They had to reject them all," Beeler said.

The city then bid the projects out separately. Joe Miller, city civil engineer, said bids were due in 2 p.m. Tuesday.

"We will take them to the next council meeting," he said.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sept. 7.

Construction is still months away.

"It's going to take several months because of the equipment they will have to order," Miller said.

"Hopefully it will be completed late this fall."

"It was rebid and they do plan to award it and supposedly we'll get our stoplight by Christmas," Beeler said.

The College asked for the signal in 1997. Tri-State Engineering did a traffic study of the intersection last winter, concluding that a signal was needed.

"There was some need because of the accidents and the traffic volume, and because it was close to a school," Miller said.

Last February, Tiede said the construction of the signal would coincide with improvements of the College's gravel lot on the southeast corner of the intersection and construction of a sidewalk from the southwest corner of the intersection to Webster Hall.

"The long range plan is to pave it but it won't be this school year," Tiede said. "It will probably be the next fiscal year."

In a meeting with the administration last fall, the Student Senate pushed for the sidewalk's construction. Several students utilize the lot.



The intersection at Newman and Duquesne Roads has been needing a stoplight for over a year. Plans for installment are still being discussed.

"It's nice and convenient going to Webster Hall," Tiede said. Several pedestrian-vehicle and vehicle accidents have occurred at the intersection in the past 10 years.

"If I was a commuting student I would want a sign telling me when to walk," said Elizabeth Myers, freshman elementary education major. "The signal will help the pedestrian traffic," Miller said. □

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Victory Lane Sponsors Benefit Car Show

The fifth annual "Kids are our Future" car show, sponsored by Victory Lane, will be held Sunday, Sept. 12. The rain date will be Sunday, Sept. 19. The proceeds will go to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

More than 20 entry classes are available and registration is from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Judging will be at 1 p.m. and trophies will be awarded at 3 p.m.

The event will be held at the Wal-Mart Supercenter on West 7th Street, near Schifferdecker. There will be more than \$500 in door prizes and dash plaques for the first 75 entries. The entry fee is \$12 and the pre-entry fee will be \$10. New this year is the Baby Grand Prix Simulator. □

Red Cross Bloodmobile to Visit Carthage

The Greater Ozarks, Arkansas region of the American Red Cross supplies blood to 66 hospitals in Southwest Missouri and Arkansas. More than 450 units of blood must be collected daily to keep the blood supply at an adequate level.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit the Church of the Nazarene, located at 2000 Grand, Carthage. The bloodmobile will be there from 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18.

The bloodmobile will be in Joplin at Christ's Community United Methodist Church, 2700 E. 44th, on Wednesday, Sept. 29 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All eligible donors are encouraged to help save a life by donating blood. An eligible donor is anyone at least 17 years of age, weighing at least 110 pounds, and has not given blood in the past 56 days.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will also be visiting the following cities on the following dates:

September 7: Neosho City Auditorium and La Russell Spring River Menonite Church.

September 9: Lamar, Barton County Hospital.

September 13: Lamar, First Christian Church.

September 20: Webb City, First Baptist Church.

September 23: Southwest City, American Legion.

September 29: Joplin, Christ Community United Methodist Church, Cassville, South Barry County Hospital.

For more information, persons may contact Gayla Fewell, territory and account representative, at (417) 823-4011. □

United Way Benefit Night to be held at 66 Speedway

On Saturday, Sept. 4, the Joplin 66 Speedway will open its gates to a benefit for the United Way of Southwest Missouri and its 22 member agencies. Tickets will be \$1 each and William's Gas Pipeline Central will match each dollar of donation.

The Speedway, located at 3406 W. 7th, opens at 5 p.m. with hot laps starting at 6 p.m. and division races starting at 7 p.m. There will be four divisions of racing: IMCA Late model, Modifieds, Factory Stocks, and Super Stocks.

The races will help set the pace for the United Way of Southwest Missouri's annual campaign. The official campaign kick off will be on September 15.

For more information, persons may contact Robin McAlester, United Way of Southwest Missouri, at 624-0153 or the Joplin 66 Speedway at 782-0660. □

Joplin Police Department to Host Citizen's Academy

The Joplin Police Department will host its 16th Citizen's Police Academy beginning on September 9. The academy will consist of 11 three-hour classes, held on Thursday nights. Applicants must live or work in Joplin. They must also be 21 years of age. Only one applicant per family is accepted and a background check will be done on each applicant. Persons may contact Sergeant Ken Kennedy at 623-3131, Ext. 411 for more information. □

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Annual Cannabis Revival to be in Joplin

BY ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
City News Editor

The legalization of the cannabis plant the topic at the second annual Cannabis Revival being held from noon to 10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11, at Schifferdecker Park.

Al Minto, director of the event, believes the main goal of the revival is to inform people about the benefits of marijuana to the community.

"A lot of people don't know the difference between hemp and medical marijuana," Minto said. "The whole purpose is to get people to open their eyes and save the earth."

Along with speakers, the event will include bands, food, and booths.

A new restaurant in Joplin, A Taste

of Chicago, will be there to serve food and Pepsi will set up a trailer.

"Last year was so great," Minto said. "There was a wonderful response between the older and the younger crowds."

The first Cannabis Revival brought in approximately 300-400 people.

Starting at 1 p.m., the following bands will be playing: Ill Faded, Crushed Red, The Garrison, The Bully Pulpit, Wake, Powerstall, So Far Gone, and Jeremy Every. The bands are from places varying from Kansas, Oklahoma, Joplin, Kansas City, and Springfield.

Sandy Fisk, senior psychology major and a participant of last year's festival, wants people to understand the issues that will be addressed.

"This is not a festival promoting illegal drug use," she said. "I think

last year people had that misconception. We aren't advocating that. We are trying to spread the word and inform people about the environmental and medical uses."

Not everyone agrees with the idea that marijuana can benefit the community.

"I don't think that it looks good for a community to say that they had a 'marijuana' fest there," said Kevin Rueb, a freshman accounting major. "I think the legalization of marijuana would be bad because people would have unlimited access to it and by using it they wouldn't be in the right state of mind at the time."

Marijuana use as medicinal became popular in the 1970s. The Controlled Substance Act of 1970 established five categories in which illicit and prescription

drugs were placed. Marijuana was placed in Schedule I as a drug with high potential for abuse, lacking an accepted medical use and safety use under medical supervision. Then, between 1978 and 1996, 36 states passed legislation allowing research into the medicinal use of marijuana.

Voters in California and Arizona approved the use of marijuana for medical purposes in 1996, saying that it would ease the suffering of people with AIDS and cancer.

In California, 56 percent voted affirmative and 44 percent negative.

Arizona included the usage of Heroin, LSD, and Methamphetamines as legal if a user were to get prescriptions from two doctors.

Meanwhile, the possession of marijuana remains a federal crime. □

Personal growth classes becoming more popular

Studio 101 offers variety of classes year round

BY ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
City News Editor

Yoga has become an increasingly popular practice to help discipline the mind, body and spirit. A Joplin studio offers Yoga and many other "personal growth" classes to area residents.

The owners of Studio 101, John and Judith Wynhausen, saw a need for Yoga classes in the area and decided to buy the studio.

"We wanted a space for people to be able to do their own Yoga practice," Judith Wynhausen said.

"We are hoping to offer classes year round."

The studio was built as a musical kindergarten in the 1920s and over the years has been a music studio, church, and dance studio.

Kyla Jones is one of the instructors there. She had thought about teaching Yoga when she moved to this area and when she realized that people were wanting a Yoga program, she began a class.

"Yoga is a very good addition to massage therapy," Jones said. "Clients would say to me, 'There aren't any Yoga classes around for us to take.'"

She also offers marimba lessons for children and adults. Hatha Yoga classes are taught throughout the week. Other classes offered are Sufi dancing, poetry reading, ballroom dancing, Alexander technique, theatrical improvisation, mask making, and meditation.

African Dance, African Marimba and Drumming are also taught at the Studio.

Joy Dworkin, professor of English at Missouri Southern, has been taking African dance classes for five years and entered a Yoga class.

"It (Yoga) is a great compliment for any exercise," Dworkin said.

All of the classes provided at Studio 101 are suitable for beginners. The classes are small, which allows the instructor to give individual attention to the participants.

Kyla has been teaching movement styles for 20 years. She is a massage therapist, musician, and dancer. She studied for five years at a Taoist temple.

Yoga uses breathing techniques and physical stretching exercises to create better strength, balance, and flexibility. Certain specific types of Yoga exercises can alleviate different ailments.



Kyla Jones, Studio 101 Yoga instructor, demonstrates a yoga posture (asanas). Personal growth classes include Tap, Ballet, African Dance, Yoga, and Marimba along with other workshops.

"There are many benefits to Yoga," Jones said. "It's a great anti-aging program. It creates and maintains flexibility and keeps the mind agile with mental clarity."

"A lot of positions correlate with the body organs. That way a person has an awareness of what is going on in their body. There are Yoga positions that can relieve headaches, menstrual cramps, and many other physical problems."

Taking the class and doing regular Yoga seems to make people feel better about their bodies and their minds in different

ways.

Ree Wells, professor of sociology at Southern, has been taking Yoga for 10 years and acknowledges the numerous benefits.

"There are certain postures (asanas) that help strengthen the body and assist in concentration and there are other stretches that help relax and assist in stress reduction," she said.

The most suitable attire for Yoga is footless tights or leggings, sweat pants, or shorts and a T-shirt or leotard. Baggy

clothing and jewelry can get in the way.

Yoga is done on bare feet and it is best to have an empty stomach.

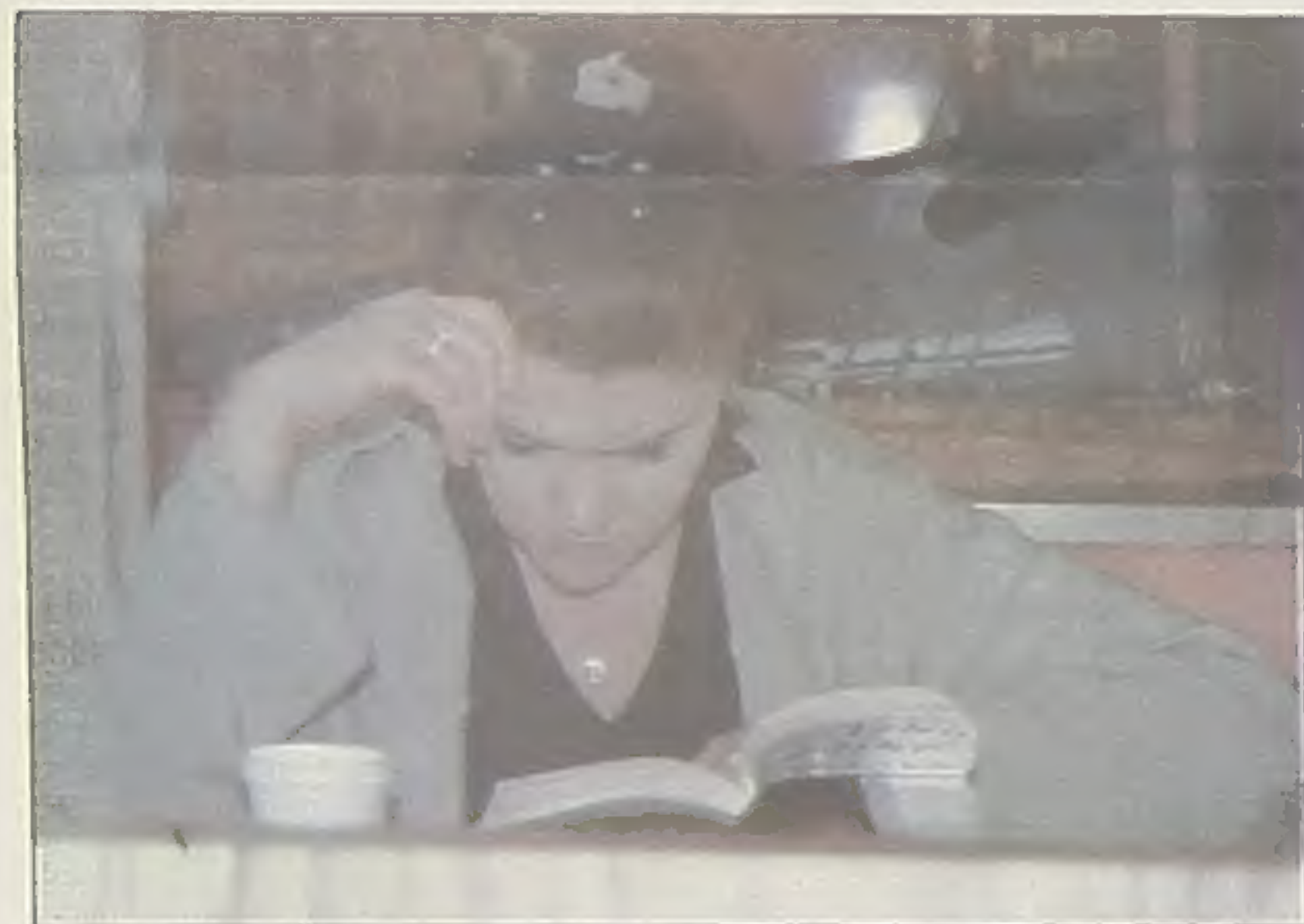
People interested in taking any classes from Studio 101 may buy a card for six or 12 classes, which are available to be used for any class. For a monthly fee, individuals may use the studio for Yoga, meditation, or dance practice when classes are not meeting.

Persons interested in renting the space for a meeting, rehearsal, or class may contact the Wynhausens at 782-6983. □



Annie Falquez, senior psychology major, distributes texts to Jackson Matthews, sophomore education major, in the Missouri Southern bookstore on the first day of classes

NOPPADOL PAOTHONG
The Chart



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KIKI Coffman, senior mass communications major, prepares for the semester of classes and assignments ahead of her in the Lions Den during the first week.



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

J. R. Ledford, sophomore undecided major, and Amy Raines, sophomore undecided major, listen to the expectations of the semester's biology labs the first Tuesday of class.

Students jump into new semester

College life poses big adjustment for freshmen

By NOPPADOL PAOTHONG
Director of Photography

Being in college on the first day for the first time is an unforgettable experience for some students.

Many find the adventure of a new life and meet new friends.

"There are so many people in school now compared to an isolated time during summer school," said Chand Dahi, senior communications major.

She said students make the campus come alive again after it has been dead for awhile during the break.

Annie Falquez, an ISEP student from Colombia, South America, studies psychology and is delighted to see many new students on campus and some similar faces from the past semester.

"I really enjoy the first day of class," Falquez said. "It is fun when I have to give directions or information to first-time college students, and I really enjoy helping them out."

"It is hard to keep myself doing homework every day without someone pointing out to me and telling me what to do. I have to be responsible about myself in college."

SHAUNDA WALKER

Freshman Mass Communications Major

Falquez, who is also an employee at the campus book store, said the store has been quiet since the end of the spring semester and only opened one window for service. During the first week of the semester, the store opened three windows with two people working each window to serve the busiest week of the school year.

"Thursday (August 19) and the first day of school were the busiest days of the week because people just kept coming nonstop from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and for some reason they decided to pick up books on those days," Falquez said.

Many first-year freshmen get lost during the first week of the school year. Cheryl

Buey, freshman computer science major, was in the wrong class before she realized it. "I feel a little lost when I look at my schedule," Buey said.

"It was a little overwhelming," said Shaunda Walker, freshman mass communications major. "It is hard to keep myself doing homework every day without someone pointing out to me and telling me what to do. I have to be responsible about myself in college," Walker said. She also said that new students shouldn't be too scared to meet other new people on campus because it is a good way to get around campus. □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

On the first day of classes the oval was swarmed with students, many first time students on a college campus. They were welcomed to Missouri Southern with free pizza, pop, and ice cream.

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Athletic center nears completion after delays

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

After a slight delay, opening day of the Leggett and Platt Athletic Center is nearing. Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, points out this dream will soon become a reality. He recalls most of the delays in construction occurred for various reasons.

"Three or four things," he said, "they will say were weather-related. Trying to get another sub to come in and lay the synthetic floor, that was delayed for about three weeks."

Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant, notes the Leggett and Platt Athletic Center will be the biggest building on campus once completed. He added that a new weight room will be included in the Center and he anticipates complete occupancy as soon as next month.

"I am shooting still for October 1 if the con-

tractor can get there," Beeler said. "We might be lacking a few things."

For the most part, he believes the facility will be ready.

Mark Kirkham, project manager of Branco Enterprises, Inc., and general contractor, has been overseeing the main project and thinks it has gone smoothly.

"It was supposed to open in May, but we had quite a bit of changed orders like bricks and bleachers," he said. "Now we are looking to complete at the end of September."

Currently Branco is working on the floor for the gymnasium. Around the outside of this will be synthetic flooring for track and volleyball competitors. Kirkham looks for this to be about a 30-day project. All that should be left after this are the finishing touches on the curbs and sidewalks on the outside of the facility.

Beeler said no specific deadline on the building's completion exists at this time.

"If we overshoot the project, we have to recourse," he said. "But frankly we haven't overshoot yet."

Beeler finds the reaction from people has been outstanding.

People who have taken guided tours are pleased with what they see.

Beeler believes with the growth in the College, this type of facility has been needed for quite some time.

"The fact that for several years we have had good occupancy and the fact that we have the new dining hall plus (increased) enrollment will create a need for space," he said.

Even though change orders were about \$1/2 million, it is hoped that the extra cost will be well worth it in the end. Beeler said this was a bit excessive, but the money was available and Southern remains within the projected budget.

Tiede said no exact date for a dedication

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MARK KIRKHAM
Project Manager

ceremony has been set.

"This is going to be a top-notch facility, which is something Missouri Southern should be proud of," Kirkham said. □

MIAA NEWS BRIEFS

KGCS offering MetroSports football again this fall

KGCS will once again be airing *This Week in Mizou Football*. This program will be airing weekly at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Head football coach Larry Smith will be analyzing the Tiger football games and practices as the Tigers attempt to have their third-straight winning season.

Along with this program, KGCS will include tape-delays of Missouri Southern home football games as well as live MIAA football games. KGCS programming can be viewed on UHF channel 57 and channel seven for cable.

This is a service of the Department of Communications at Missouri Southern. □

Mules punt returner breaks conference TD records

The Mules of Central Missouri opened with a strong beginning to their football campaign last Saturday. After an early 35-yard punt return by Kevin Nickerson and a 79-yard touchdown run by Dexter Ford, the Mules never looked back in their 60-13 victory over Quincy. With a strong defense in the Mules, only 44 yards of total offense were given to Quincy. With an unstoppable offense in Central, Nickerson ran for two more punt returns, setting the career record for the MIAA. Central will next see action tomorrow in their home opener against Winona State, defending champions of the North Sun Conference. □

Missouri Western begins football season with victory

Missouri Western State College began their football season at home with a victory over Southeast Oklahoma State. Striking in the first quarter with a two-yard rushing touchdown by Robert Dirks and a two-yard rushing touchdown by Ahmad Jackson, the Griffons got off to a quick 13-0 lead. Southeast Oklahoma State answered with a one-yard rushing touchdown by Johnny McHenry, quickly cutting the lead in half, 13-7. But after another big drive by the Griffons, the score was 20-7 in favor of the Griffons. After the first quarter, the Griffons were up 27-7 and took full command on their way to a 40-21 win. Missouri Western will be traveling to Mankato State University on Sept. 11 for their next game. □

Washburn spikers dropping fast after losing four straight

After a promising start to the beginning of their season, the Lady Icabods of Washburn have now dropped to 1-4 on the young season. Starting the season at the Western State College of Colorado Invitational last weekend, Washburn recorded their first victory over Texas Woman's University, by a 3-2 count. They then moved on to an 0-3 loss to Cameron University, finishing the day with a 1-1 record. Returning to action the following day, the Lady Icabods dropped to a 1-2 record, sustaining a 0-3 loss to Taylor University.

They finished off the tournament with another 0-3 loss to Southern Colorado.

In their home opener Tuesday night, Washburn fell short to Hastings College by a score of 3-2. The Lady Icabods are traveling to St. Joseph on Wednesday to take on the Lady Griffons at Missouri Western State College. □

Lady Gorillas struggling to find winning ways

The Pittsburg State University (PSU) Lady Gorillas have dropped three straight volleyball games after starting the season 1-0.

The Lady Gorillas traveled to the Arkansas Tech University Tournament last weekend. Kicking off their season, they got off to a good start with a 3-2 win over Central Arkansas. PSU quickly moved to 1-1 on the season after their 1-3 loss to Southern Arkansas.

The following day produced two more losses, dropping the Lady Gorillas to 1-3 on the season. The first game saw a tough loss at the hands of Arkansas Tech by a 0-3 score. The following game was another 0-3 loss to Harding.

The PSU volleyball team will be taking the floor again this weekend in the University of Nebraska-Omaha Tournament. □

Runners give enthusiasm for coaches

Rutledge, Vavra expect good things from their young teams

By VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

After only about two weeks of practice this season, Tom Rutledge, men's cross country coach, and Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach, both seem optimistic about their teams.

Rutledge has 14 runners on his squad, including two seniors, Jake Wells and Jim Lowary. Wells is running cross country for his fourth year.

"Jake does a great job," Rutledge said. "He has been consistent all four years. He is dedicated and hard working. You can set your clock by him."

Lowary is competing in cross country for his fifth year.

"This is another young man that has made it through and fought off the storms," Rutledge said. "Hopefully, he can finish strong."

Rutledge believes even though this is a relatively young team, they will still be excellent competitors. He said this is the best group of freshmen he has ever worked with.

During practice, the men have been running at least 90 miles a week. Rutledge is pleased that he hasn't heard anyone complain. He likes the fact that no one on his team is selfish. He says this always makes it fun for a coach.

Lee Wood, sophomore, was redshirted last year and remains freshman eligible. He mainly ran indoor and outdoor track last year. As far as cross country goes, Rutledge believes he has more toughness in him and has matured.

"It's been going really well," Wood said. "I think we have a really good freshman class. We have been putting in quite a bit of mileage and will be moving up for big meets later that come up."

Vavra is keeping busy with her squad as well. She has five returners. Like the men's team, she also believes she has a group of freshmen with huge potential. She believes the intensity level is much different from the high school level. However, she is proud of the freshman girls and thinks they have adjusted nicely.

"We have a number of freshmen and you just never know," Vavra said. "But I feel like we have a good group of freshmen."

Her two oldest runners are Jill Becker, senior, and Emily Petty, junior. Vavra is particularly proud of them for stepping up into the leadership role. Vavra is also excited about her top two returners, Margaret Miklovic, junior, and Chasity Hank, sophomore, as well as Sonia Eady, senior, who finished second in the nation last year.

Rutledge and Vavra are pleased to announce that Southern will be hosting the NCAA Championships in November. Rutledge said this gives everyone a chance to see some of the best runners in the world.

At this point, both men and women cross country teams are preparing for Saturday when they will be hosting the Bob Liptad Invitational at 10 a.m. Both coaches hope this provides confidence for their first big meet on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the University of Kansas. □

GET UNDER IT!!!



Freshman Shannon Rocco digs for the ball during Tuesday's practice, preparing for a tournament at Southern Florida. The Lady Lions opened their volleyball season at the University of Central Oklahoma Tournament. Their opening match was spoiled by Nebraska-Kearney, 0-3. Later on that day the Lady Lions got their first victory of the year, edging Adams State 3-2.

FOOTBALL: Lions prepare to host Northeastern State

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why we moved Jeremy Walker back there and he ended up with 12 tackles. Matt Reid probably had two of the biggest hits of the day and he backs him (Walker) up."

Southern, after an off week, faces Northeastern State (Okla.) University in their home opener at 7 p.m., September 11 in Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

Last year the Redmen defeated the Lions 10-0 in Tahlequah in the opening game for both teams.

"I'm worried about Texas A&M at Kingsville right now," NSU head coach Tom Eckert said. "I could care less about anything else until after this Saturday night."

"We are extremely young, we have five seniors on the football team," Gregory said. "I think this is a critical game for us, Northeastern."

"It (NSU) is a very good football team. Probably the best defensive football team we faced a year ago and they have everybody coming back."

"I think if we can get off to a fast start on the season, with a young football team that is hungry, you have a chance to really snowball your momentum." □

By the Numbers

MSSC-UA MONTICELLO STATS					
MSSC	0	7	14	14	35
UA-M	3	11	0	0	14

Lion QB stats: Josh Chapman, Two TD passes, eight passes for 97 yds, rush for 35 yds on six carries; Seth McKenzie, 10 passes for 178 yds.

NEXT UP:

NSU at Southern, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11.

INTENSITY



Amanda Zook (standing) battles a Central Missouri player for possession Monday. See story on page 12.

Lady Lions drop intercollegiate debut



Lady Lions Melissa Stayse and Jenna Liach lose a battle for the ball to a Central Missouri player. Central won the contest 5-0.

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This could well be the start of something big.

On Monday, the Missouri Southern Lady Lions soccer team played their first ever intercollegiate soccer game against the Central Missouri State University (CMSU) Jennies, as well as the inaugural Mid-America

Intercollegiate Athletic Association women's game.

The match also marked the debut for Geoff Van Deusen, Southern's head coach, who viewed the historical game as a ground breaking for the future.

"We came into our first ever MIAA game for Southern with high expectations," he said. "Despite having those high expectations, the game was a learning experience, but we have a lot to build on."

Monday night's contest was the first for a number of Lady Lions. Of 16 roster members, only three non-freshmen suited up for Southern, compared to a more-experienced CMSU team that dressed 22 players.

"Once we got started going I wasn't so scared," said Jennifer Carter, freshman goalkeeper from Tulsa, Okla. "Every game is going to be a new challenge, so we shouldn't get overzealous."

The markings of an unproven Southern team showed as the Lady Lions allowed two early goals in the 5-0 defeat. Van Deusen said Southern made plenty of mistakes

the opening minutes of the game, but calmed down after 25 minutes and played good the rest of the game.

Yes, the score of the game can be misleading. Despite playing most of the game on the defensive, the Lady Lions played a swarming style of defense that forced CMSU to take an array of out-of-the-way shots.

"We stuck to our game plan, we tried to challenge them from the outside," Van Deusen said.

Carter bedazzled the 300-plus in attendance with 11 saves, many of them destined goals if not for last-second dives. Her most notable save came when she leaped and redirected a scorched CMSU shot harm-

lessly over the goal post.

With the first game in the history books, Van Deusen did not let the loss hamper the program's inception or its future. Out of the 15 games remaining, he has set a goal of 10 wins this season. Anything less won't be considered a letdown. Right now his focus is the intensity of the team, which was exemplified Monday. Despite being behind, the Lady Lions fought from beginning to end.

Although this season is considered a learning experience, Van Deusen maintains his high expectations for the Lady Lions.

"This year we're building a skyscraper," Van Deusen said.

"We have positive things to build on, but we have to lay a good foundation." □

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JENNIFER CARTER
Goalkeeper

Green, Gold prepare for Quail Ridge

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The men in soft spikes will tread some familiar turf next week.

Missouri Southern's golf team opens the year Wednesday in the Southwestern College Invitational at the Quail Ridge Golf Club in Winfield, Kan.

The Lions will face 11 other teams in the 18-hole tournament.

"We have won there twice before," said Larry Clay, head coach. "They all know the course very well."

Last year the Green team finished fourth and the Gold team 10th.

"I believe we have a real strong chance, we have a strong top five," said Brian Smith, senior co-captain. "Everybody is real familiar with the course."

Jacob Hosp, sophomore, compared the course to Joplin's Schifferdecker Golf Course.

"It's not bad, it's pretty flat we can score on it," said Chad Smith, senior co-captain. "If we all play well, we can win that tournament."

Clay said many of his players have been around Quail Ridge two or three times.

"We expect good things, especially from our first team," he said.

Clay is entering his eighth season as the Lions' coach.

Also returning to the squad are juniors Heath Alloway, Mike Black, Rick Coucy, and Adam Griffin; sophomore Ryan Coppess; and redshirt freshman Kyle Long. Joining them are freshmen Billy Cartright from Webb City, Tug Baker from Carthage, and Jerrod Meyer from Branson. Freshman Andrew Watts will redshirt this year.

The team lost no players to graduation.

"I think we are pretty good this year," Chad Smith said. "We are a lot more mature."

"Our goal is to finish in the top three in conference and hopefully make it to regionals."

Hosp and Chad Smith both said the team is working on consistency.

"I would like to lower my stroke average by two strokes along the way," Hosp said.

"I'm trying to be more consistent and do things right for the team," Chad Smith said. "I think we need to focus on keeping our concentration."

Brian Smith would like to have top 10 finishes in every tournament.

"Since I'm going to be graduating in December, this is my last semester playing for Southern," he said.

Chad Smith and Alloway had the team's low rounds last year when each carded a 72. Hosp had the low average at 78.4 over 13 rounds.

The team finished eighth in the MIAA tournament last year.

"We played well in the first tournament last year and never got that high again," Hosp said.

Clay predicts Central Missouri State University, Missouri Western University, and Truman State University will lead the conference again this year. Southern will have one less obstacle to overcome with the withdrawal of Lincoln University from the conference.

The Lions will not face competition again until Sept. 20 and 21 at Rolla for a 36-hole tournament. □

Covering all sports important to new editor

This is becoming an exciting time for me and I hope it will be an exciting time for all readers of *The Chart* as well. I have always been a huge fan of sporting events and was beside myself when I learned I was going to be the new sports editor.

First let me say it is a pleasure to be serving the College. Next let me say that Andre Smith was a fabulous sports editor and it's going to be difficult for me to take his place but I want to follow in his footsteps the best I can.

For years, Southern has been a school focused on academics, which is a wonderful thing. Now that we are growing some in population, I find that we are attempting to have a better athletic department along with the excellent education system, which is one of

the greatest things that could happen to us.

It was a disappointing season for the football team last year, but we have to keep the faith. This was a young Lions team and it was the first year for Coach Gregory. This year it's all I have heard about. Everyone believes this is our year to break through and do something. It won't be easy with teams in our

conference such as Northwest, Emporia, and who can forget our old friends at Pitt State? But if there is ever a year, this is the one with our several returning players and recruits. It certainly showed on Saturday when we got off on the right track with our big opening-season victory.

It is hoped to be a year of success not only for the football team but for other athletic programs as well. After having a nice conversation with Coach Rutledge and Coach Vavra, I learned that they both expect nothing but good things out their cross country teams this year. Fall sports is also looking to have a great season with soccer, volleyball, and golf.

The only thing that would make me happier is if we could draw more of a crowd at these sporting events. We take so much pride in our football team and I just wish we could give more respect to the sports such as cross

country where people run miles and miles each day, and golf which has got to be one of the most difficult sports to play.

Now am I saying we should boycott football? Absolutely not! This is going to be a great season.

This is my main goal as your sports editor. It is going to be my job to inform the readers of all sports and not just the ones that sound most interesting.

I want to wish all Southern athletes a great year.
Go Lions! □

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Lions overcome halftime deficit to beat Arkansas-Monticello

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With only two weeks to prepare, Missouri Southern traveled to Monticello, Ark. for their earliest season opener in school history.

The result: the Lions, fueled by 28 second-half points, overcame a 14-7 halftime deficit to come away with a season-opening 35-14 victory over the University of Arkansas-Monticello Boll Weevils.

UAM scored their only touchdown in the game 50 seconds before the end of the first half and tacked on a two-point conversion pass to carry a seven point lead into the intermission.

"I thought we might have caved in a little defensively due to the heat and gave them a score before the half," said Southern head coach Greg Gregory. "Defensively we spent a lot of time on the field in the first half."

"When we went back over the films, we really didn't make that many mistakes. One of the things that hurt us as much as anything was the low press box."

For much of the game, the Boll Weevils were putting eight men up inside the box,

preventing Southern from utilizing the running game.

"We had a poor view of exactly where they were lining up on us," Gregory said. "It took us a little longer than I would like to make the adjustments that we needed to make. So we kind of scrambled through the first half."

"They were committed. They were not going to let us run the ball inside. They were always having one more guy than we could really block on the interior. We knew they were going to be good defensively."

After an emotional halftime speech from coach Gregory and making the necessary adjustments offensively, the Lions' offense and defense dominated the second half, sending UAM to their 22nd straight defeat.

"At halftime I challenged them to compete and not to give in," Gregory said. "It was probably the most emotional I have ever been. I really like our football team. I like the character of our football team."

"The way we won the game, I couldn't have scripted it any better," Gregory said. "We got behind, we were frustrated, and I kind of challenged their character a little bit in the locker room and they responded. I

think that is one of the things that hurt us last year."

Offensively, Southern's Antonio Whitney churned out 89 yards on 14 carries for one touchdown and the quarterback combination of sophomore Seth McKinzie and redshirt freshman Josh Chapman completed 14-18 passes for 170 yards and two touchdowns. Chapman was a perfect 8-8 for 97 yards and both touchdown strikes.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Lions were led by sophomore free safety Jeremy Walker's 11 tackles. Southern picked off three Boll Weevil passes. One each from sophomores Matt Reid and Kerry Byers, and junior linebacker Vince Vaccaro, who returned the ball seven yards for a touchdown to put the Lions on top to stay.

"I'm really pleased with our secondary," Gregory said. "We had two interference calls that were legitimate calls, but a year ago we wouldn't have been in position to have those interference calls."

"People think when I talk about our secondary play being poor a year ago, it was strictly dealing with the pass. It just wasn't



Sophomore strong safety Steven Trotter (right) works against a teammate in practice this week at Fred G. Hughes Stadium.